



Greetings,

Our 2018 Spring/Summer Competitive Soccer Program has been developed and is ready to go. We will be holding a competitive program informational meeting on **Thursday, March 22nd, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Holgate Middle School Theatre.** This Spring/Summer we will provide training and competitive tournament opportunities for all players in our U8 through U19 age groups. If a player's birth year is 1999 through 2010, a player is eligible to register.

The goal of our competitive program is to enhance each player's soccer skills and overall athletic ability in a competitive environment with age appropriate training by licensed coaches. Rather than taking a "win now" approach, the competitive program is designed to develop each player to be the most successful player/athlete they can be based upon a long term developmental model. At the conclusion of the Summer season, players will receive a written evaluation form from their age group coach noting their strengths and areas of potential improvement

One of the most frequently asked questions is "What is the difference between our Spring/Fall City Youth League programs and our competitive program?" The answer:

- Our local Spring/Fall Youth League programs are designed to provide a fun, less structured environment with local games, and simple age specific training. Teams will play games within the city league, and against other teams from our immediate area. The local Spring/Fall Youth League teams are typically coached by volunteer parents, and they may or may not practice often, as this is dependent upon each individual volunteer parent/coach.
- Joining the competitive program will bring your child significantly more training (practicing), and do so in a more structured environment. Competitive teams will train on average 2-4 hours per week from early April through the middle of July. The competitive training sessions are orchestrated by our competitive coaching staff and are designed to meet developmental benchmarks for each age group/player level. Competitive teams will travel throughout the state and region for games against other soccer clubs in tournaments and individual "match up" games. The competitive program is for players who want/need a little bit more....they maybe currently play, or aspire to play High School soccer, and would like to continue to train in the High School offseason, or learn how to train and play like a High School player.

Please note that we strongly encourage our competitive players to also play in our Spring/Fall youth leagues as that is where they can try new things, experiment more, maybe play a new position, or even take a leadership role on the city league team as a more experienced player, and learn the associated leadership skills that will enhance them as a player in general. Our competitive coaching staff will work the competitive training sessions around local youth league games that the players may have as we feel that the two programs complement each other very well.

## **What to expect this summer:**

**Tournament Schedule:** We obviously encourage our HCSC teams to participate in the HCSC “Dacotah Cup” Summer Tournament to be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup> in Aberdeen. We also strongly encourage teams to enter the “SDSSA Dakota League” which involves single day “early season” travel within South Dakota to play one or two games against other clubs in the region.

**Other Possible Tournaments:** Please visit [http://www.southdakotasoccer.com/tournaments/sanctioned\\_tournaments/](http://www.southdakotasoccer.com/tournaments/sanctioned_tournaments/) to view various event dates/locations in South Dakota. While this is a comprehensive list for South Dakota events, teams are not limited to these choices as there will also be travel events offered in Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, etc. Events will be offered based upon input from players/parents, coaches, and HCSC staff.

**Training:** Teams will train 1 to 2 times per week. All coaches/teams are required to schedule a minimum of 25 training sessions, and normally the final number is between 30 & 35 training sessions by the end of the Summer. Team attended events will obviously impact training dates, and teams may train less times per week when travelling on the weekend.

**Dates:** Training will begin in early April (as soon as outside play is possible), and the Summer season will conclude mid-July.

**Costs:** Spring/Summer Competitive Program = **\$99 if registered/paid by Monday, April 9th.** Beginning Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, the registration fee will be \$125.

**What is included in this registration fee:** SDSSA and US Soccer registration fees, secondary insurance for players, coaches cost for training, training equipment, and any training facility costs and maintenance. The “TeamSnap” mobile scheduling app that will be used for all competitive team training and event management.

**What is NOT included in this registration fee:** Any events/tournaments outside normally scheduled training. Tournament cost information is included in the Spring/Summer Program informational/FAQ document.

**Uniforms:** Players attending a tournament will be required to wear a Hub City Soccer competitive uniform. For those players who do not already have a HCSC Uniform kit, information can be obtained from your Team/Age Group manager

**Registration:** Can be completed online by using the following links – [www.HCSC-hubcitysoccer.sportsaffinity.com](http://www.HCSC-hubcitysoccer.sportsaffinity.com) (If you do not have a user name, you will need to set one up to continue).

**For more information, please also follow the below links for news and updates:**

Website – [www.hubcitysoccerclub.com](http://www.hubcitysoccerclub.com)

Facebook - [https://www.facebook.com/HubCitySoccer/?ref=br\\_rs&hc\\_ref=SEARCH](https://www.facebook.com/HubCitySoccer/?ref=br_rs&hc_ref=SEARCH)

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/hcscsoccer>

## **HCSC Apparel and License Plates**

HCSC apparel and License Plate tags will also be displayed at the informational meeting. To order from the HCSC Apparel Store by Geffdog 24 hours a day, here is the link to follow: <https://www.promoplace.com/30268/stores/HCSC>

## 2018 Spring/Summer Competitive Soccer Information/Frequently Asked Questions

**What do tournaments and other events cost?** Tournaments/events will be billed to players using the actual cost for the event. Below is the formula:

Tournament entry fee + coach expense ÷ the number of players attending + \$10 per player administrative fee.

Here is example for a tournament that involves travel:

Tournament Entry Fee: \$350

Cost of Coach/Coach Travel: \$350

Total cost = \$700.00 ÷ 12 players = \$58 + \$10 per player administrative fee = \$68 per player for the event.

**What does it cost to play in the HCSC Dacotah Cup Tournament?** The cost for a HCSC registered player to play in the HCSC event is **\$25**. There is no tournament entry fee for HCSC teams, and there is obviously no travel for coaches that is needed, so the cost is significantly lower than it would be for an event with entry fees and travel.

**How does a player register for events/tournaments?** The HCSC Office/Age Group Managers will distribute tournament information to players. Players will be given a “deadline to commit” to an event, and if there is sufficient player interest to form a team, a team will be registered for the event. Please note that tournament rosters will be formed based upon the event, and these team rosters may be fluid during the course of the Spring/Summer season.

**What are the deadlines to register for events?** The “deadline to commit” for any event will be clearly communicated in advance, and will generally be 7 to 10 days prior to the registration deadline for the event. Players will have until that deadline to commit (or un-commit) to the event, and once that deadline date arrives, the players will be locked into the event, and the team will be registered. Please do note, If a player drops out of any event after the stated deadline to commit, to be fair to the other players/families, they will still be liable for their portion of the tournament/event fees.

**When are Tournament/Event fees due?** All tournament fees are due prior to team registration unless alternate arrangements have been made with the HCSC office.

**Are there tournaments/events that teams are required or encouraged to attend?** Players/Teams are **not required** to attend any events. But, players/teams are obviously encouraged to participate in the HCSC Dacotah Cup Tournament.

**Does HCSC have a play-up policy?** Yes, please contact the HCSC office for information on “playing up”.

**Does HCSC offer any Goalkeeper training?** Yes, HCSC will offer goalkeeper specific training dates during the season. These goalkeeper training dates will be announced as the Spring/Summer calendar develops.

**Is Financial Assistance Available?** Yes, HCSC has financial assistance programs available for families in need. Please contact the HCSC office for more information.

**Can HCSC Players “dual register” or “guest play” with another soccer club?** HCSC players must register with the understanding that HCSC is their primary soccer club, and priority must be given to their primary club and teammates. If there are dates when HCSC has no events scheduled, players may “guest play” with other clubs provided this request comes to the HCSC office/Director of Coaching in advance to ensure there are no HCSC club conflicts.

**If you have additional questions, please contact the HCSC office at 225-0088 or [aberdeensoccer@nvc.net](mailto:aberdeensoccer@nvc.net)**